

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS the City of Olympia is located at the southernmost tip of the Salish Sea, also known as the Puget Sound on the Washington side of the border, which is a source of pride and wellbeing for our community; and*

*WHEREAS the City Olympia is on the land of the people of the Steh-Chass of the Squaxin Island Tribe, the People of the Water, who depend on the cultural and treaty-protected resources provided by a healthy Salish Sea; and*

*WHEREAS the City of Olympia holds an accord with the Squaxin Island Tribe, which includes an action to coordinate and cooperate to protect our shared natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS the 2021 State of the Sound report from the Puget Sound Partnership stated that very few indicators for the health of Puget Sound met their 2020 targets as water quality, salmon, and Southern Resident orca continue to decline; and*

*WHEREAS as an urban community, there are actions that city government, local organizations, businesses, and community members can take to strengthen our stewardship of the Salish Sea, building a stronger culture in support of water quality and salmon recovery; and*

*WHEREAS the Year of the Salish Sea is an international effort of municipalities in Washington and British Columbia, in collaboration with First Nations, to respond to issues facing the Salish Sea; and*

*WHEREAS the Year of the Salish Sea begins on World Ocean Day and aligns with Puget Sound Starts Here month, which will be celebrated in Olympia this September; and*

*NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim June 8, 2022 to June 7, 2023 as the*

**YEAR OF THE SALISH SEA**

*thereby joining other governing bodies, organizations, and community groups in a collective effort to improve the health, awareness, and management of the Salish Sea.*

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

**Cheryl Selby  
Mayor**